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I would be derelict in my duty
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not stand up boldly and proud-
ly for all that pertains to Hahne-
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cited something akin to ridicule in the minds of our worthy allopathic Brethren. It would be hard for me to assign any other cause for it, than that it is too vast for their contracted intellects; hence the ridicule they would heap upon Hahnemann for his great discovery. I contend that positive and demonstrable proofs of it exist in the daily walk of every man, if he will but train his mind to observe and think. But, it appears to me as if some men had minds for nothing; as if they had been born but to eat and drink and sleep; and eat and drink and sleep again, as if they were

hibernating animals and not
rational men.

As to all the ridicule and sneers
that Allopathy can bring to
bear upon the subject; it is
as chaff before the wind, for
they know nothing about it.
It is characteristic of the human
mind to differ, I know, and
particularly upon great and
leading points. For instance, one
man will assert a thing or pub-
lish to the world a discovery, wheth-
er it be a theory or a truth it
matters but little, wherein certain
things are stated; another man
will differ from him, not be-
cause the thing asserted or
the discovery published to the

world was not true in itself, but that a species of envy excites him to differ, because, he himself had not brains enough to discover and make known the same thing.

Hahnemann deserves and justly too, the praise of every Philanthropist and of every living being, for the great good he has done for suffering humanity by his discovery of the cause and treatment of Chronic diseases. There is no doubt in my mind but that a vast majority of all the Chronic diseases that afflict humanity at the present time have had their origin in Psora. We have suffi-

cient evidences of it in the sequelae of the various cutaneous diseases generally, on their suppression by violent means.

Take for instance scabies or the Itch itself: in its primitive form we have an external manifestation of the internal disease in the form of a number of small and millet shaped vesicles, filled with a transparent fluid, sometimes they are larger and filled with a pus-like matter, occurring mostly between the fingers, on the wrists and on the joints, and accompanied with a most voluptuous itching; on being scratched, the itching changes to a burning sensation, and

a number of other symptoms of little consequence for me to mention just now; if during this stage of the disease, the violent means allopathy usually employs in such cases, be had recourse to, as a matter of necessity, the only symptoms that can act as a guide in a judicious treatment, are repelled, and the patient is discharged cured, and the Physician consoles himself with the happy reflection that he has succeeded in curing that troublesome and loathsome local disease, the itch: but mark that patient through after years of his life, and you will as

surely find him afflicted with some of the secondary forms of Psora, as that he lives.

I look upon Psora as an intensely and powerfully acting miasm, resulting from the suppression of the various cutaneous diseases. It usually lies dormant within the system, waiting but a fitting moment to break forth in all its various forms: sometimes it will assume one form and sometimes another, just as the system is predisposed at the time.

A disposition to the abnormal play of the vital forces must coexist with the psoric miasm to produce a sensible vicarious

manifestation of the internal disease, or such a manifestation can never become apparent.

Disease only plainly shows itself when it has brought the healthy play of the vital forces within the sphere of its own abnormal condition. *then and always*

Why do we see cutaneous diseases of all kinds, on being repelled by means of the usual allopathic remedies in such cases, as ointments and washes of various kinds, reappear in some other form? Why does a scaly eruption on the fingers, with a great disposition to crack and bleed, on being repelled, assume the form of dyspepsia or haemorrh-

rhoids or various other forms of
 disease as I have seen again
 and again? or any eruption,
 why is it not permanently cured
 when it is violently repelled from
 the cutaneous surface? Why is
 there a disposition to reappear
 in some other and always
 more aggravated form, for in-
 stance pleurisy, dyspepsia, haem-
 orrhoids, tubercular phthisis,
 scrofula and a host of other
 diseases too numerous to mention?
 the answer to these questions
 can only be in latent Psora,
 or a psoric miasm pervading
 every minute ramification
 of the human organism.
 This hydra-headed cause of hu-

man suffering has been accumulating in the system of man for ages and ages back, and it was only by mans progressive intelligence in regard to diet and other modes of life that he has been, in a great measure, able to keep it in abeyance.

But even with all his superior knowledge, it would sometimes manifest itself, now in one form and now in another, hence Cold Catarrh, rheumatism, gout &c; and how were all these various forms of disease treated, before Homoeopathy shed its benign influence over mans benighted intellect?

without knowing the true and only source of such difficulties the Physician erroneously alleged various and oftentimes purely imaginary characters and phenomena to be their cause, and hence treated, now for a chill, catarrh or rheumatism, now for gout, congestion of the portal system, haemorrhoids, obstruction in the lymphatic vessels, indurations, morbid matters in the blood, excess of mucus in the alimentary canal, weakness of the stomach and bowels and whole digestive apparatus, nervous debility, spasm, plethora, chronic inflammation, swellings

of various kinds and so on: imagining at the same time, that a suppression of these various symptoms to be cures of the Cause, but after the passage of a shorter or longer period, other morbid phenomena would make their appearance, how then could the first state have been the fundamental cause when its removal (as was thought) was not followed by a true cure? no restoration to health? when in place of the morbid phenomenon that had been suppressed, another and always more formidable one made its appearance? Whence was originally derived the appar-

rent morbid character and
 its attendant phenomena?
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 the patients liability to get cold,
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 come? from an internal
 psoric miasm, from latent
 Pora. *old school know-noth.*

Yet the Physician would assert
 that his treatment was ration

al, when he had nought but an imaginary cause to base his treatment upon. He did not know the true source of such difficulties and hence his failure in permanently relieving the suffering organism. He avows that his treatment has been in vogue for nearly three thousand years and consequently must be correct, without reasoning with himself, at all, upon the subject, verily, that is going it blind.

Physicians of the old school know nothing about Psora, and more than that, they have obsti-

nately set themselves against knowing anything about it: that hydra-headed cause of human suffering - would to God all men were disposed to do the greatest good with the smallest, in the shortest space of time, irrespective of every other consideration, the sun would not shine brighter, but more human beings would get the benefit of its healthful rays.

The cause of a great many acute affections is referable to the same source, as that of the majority of chronic diseases; we see for instance an acute

affection treated in usual way,
with remedies, that are non-
antipsonic in their tendency,
without finding any benefit
resulting from their use,
although the existing symptoms
under other circumstances would
call the specific action of the
remedy into play; yet you might
continue your remedy, now using
the lower and now the higher
dilutions, until the life of your
patient would be placed in
jeopardy, wondering what
all this meant, if you did
not, in such an instance rec-
ognise something beyond this
sudden outburst of the dis-
ease, that would unerringly

point to the antipsorics; and you would find that after having given the suitable antipsoric your previously selected remedies would have their specific effect.

Would not this be an evidence that some latent miasm existed in the system previous to and called into a vicarious manifestation by the acute attack? and would not this also be an evidence that the disease depended upon that miasm? I say yes, and I call that miasm Psora.